

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-18, 25 and 26 without prejudice. Applicants retain the right to file a further divisional application to re-present claims 18, 25 and 26.

Amend claims 19-24 and add new claims 27-30 as follows:

Claims 1-18 (canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A commercial transaction system comprising:

a ~~robotic~~ robot apparatus manager that manages a ~~robotic~~ robot apparatus so that the ~~robotic~~ robot apparatus ~~acts or reacts~~ performs a predetermined action when it detects predetermined information;

a product distributor that acquires the predetermined information ~~under relating to a contact contract having been made with~~ between the ~~robotic~~ robot apparatus manager and the product distributor and appends it ~~appends it~~ appended to a product for sale to a user of the ~~robotic~~ robot apparatus; and

~~the robotic~~ robot apparatus which detects the predetermined information appended to the product purchased by the user and ~~acts or reacts in a predetermined manner~~ performs a predetermined action based on the detected predetermined information.

20. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 19, wherein the ~~automatic~~ robot apparatus ~~is an autonomous type robotic apparatus which acts autonomously based on an external factor and/or internal factor.~~

21. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 19, wherein:

the ~~robotic~~ robot apparatus manager is a manufacturer or distributor of the ~~robotic~~ robot apparatus; and

~~the manufacturer or distributor~~ which manages the ~~robotic~~ robot apparatus so that the ~~latter acts or reacts in the predetermined manner~~ robot apparatus performs the predetermined action based on the detected predetermined information acquired and sold under the contract with the product distributor.

22. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 21, wherein:

the ~~robotic~~ robot apparatus is adapted to ~~act or react~~ perform the predetermined action based on action information stored in a storage unit provided therein;

wherein the manufacturer or distributor stores, into the storage unit, predetermined action information according to the contract with the product distributor; and

wherein the ~~robotic~~ robot apparatus ~~acts or reacts in the predetermined manner~~ performs the predetermined action based on the predetermined action information read from the storage unit upon detection of the predetermined information appended to the product.

23. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 19, wherein:

the ~~robotic~~ robot apparatus has a memory ~~having stored therein~~ for storing information on the contract made between the manufacturer or distributor and the product distributor; and

the ~~robotic~~ robot apparatus reads information stored on the product ~~and including~~ which includes at least information on a supply source of the product, such that the robot apparatus performs the predetermined action and

~~acts or reacts~~ when the supply source, ~~is found~~ based on the contract-related information stored in the memory, is found to have made a predetermined contract with the manufacturer or distributor and the product distributor.

24. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 19, wherein:

the predetermined information includes at least two pieces of information on the attribute of a product available from the product distributor; and

the ~~robotic~~ robot apparatus detects at least one of the two pieces of information appended to the product and performs the predetermined action ~~acts or reacts in the predetermined manner~~ based on the detected information.

27. (New) A robot apparatus having a plurality of movable parts, comprising:

a memory which stores information relating to a contract between a manufacturer or distributor of the robot apparatus and a third party; and

reading means for reading information stored on a product and which concerns at least a supply source of the product;

wherein the robot apparatus performs a predetermined action when the information read by the reading means regarding the supply source of the product is detected from the contract-related information as having made a predetermined contract with the manufacturer or distributor.

28. (New) The robot apparatus according to Claim 27, wherein the product is selected from the group consisting of a personal computer, a mobile telephone, canned juice, bagged candy or a CD case.

29. (New) The robot apparatus according to Claim 27, wherein the information regarding the supply source is provided by a bar code.

30. (New) The robot apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the information regarding the supply source is provided by a cyber code.